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# THE LION AND THE MOUSE.

By CHARLES KLEIN.

A Story of American Life Narrated from the Pen by ARTHUR HENRIE.

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CHAPTER XIII.

SHIRLEY entered upon her new duties in the Ryder household two days later. She had returned to her room in the evening of her first meeting with the financier in a state bordering upon hysteria. The day's events had been so extraordinary that it seemed to her they could not be real and that she must be in a dream. The air ride to Beverly fourth street, the interview with the lawyer, the correspondence with her father's letters, the offer to write the biography and what to her was still more important, the invitation to go and see the Ryders, all these incidents were so remarkable and so unusual that it was only with difficulty that she persuaded herself that they were not figments of a disordered brain.

But it was all true enough. The next morning's mail brought a letter from Mr. Ryder who wrote to the effect that he was glad to hear that she had accepted the offer and that he would be ready for her the following afternoon. Shirley did not know what to think. She had been so nervous and so excited that she had not had time to think of anything but the Ryders. The letter from her father, however, seemed to favor their plan. Her first step of course, while in the Ryder household, would be to get acquainted with the family. She had already written to her father, and these she would deposit at once to Massapequa, so that they should be at hand before the season opened.

So, after settling accounts with her landlady and packing up her few belongings, Shirley left for her home in Massapequa. She was received there by her father, who was glad to see her. He had been expecting her for some time. He had written to her several times, and she had answered him. He was now in the city, and he had been thinking of her very much. He had been told that she was a very capable girl, and he was glad to hear that she was coming to live with them.

At Mr. Ryder's house she was received with the most cordial welcome. Her father, who was now in the city, had been expecting her for some time. He had written to her several times, and she had answered him. He was now in the city, and he had been thinking of her very much. He had been told that she was a very capable girl, and he was glad to hear that she was coming to live with them.

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"What a young girl you are to have made such a stir!" he exclaimed. "I have a son, but I don't see much of him. You must meet my Jefferson. He is such a nice boy."

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